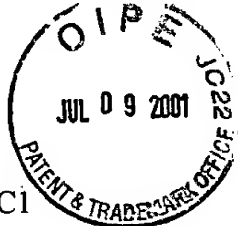


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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action mailed June 15, 2001, the Examiner has required election among the following species:

- I. The embodiment of Figure 1;
- II. The embodiment of Figure 2A;
- III. The embodiment of Figure 4A.

Additionally, the Examiner required identification of claims reading upon the elected species.

In response, Applicant elects to proceed with prosecution of Species I, represented by the embodiment of Figure 1A. Applicant submits that the claims reading upon this embodiment include Claims 53-55, 59, 65 and 68-76.



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